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SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Will the Hon. Minister at least be chivalrous to his counter-part in giving representation to them in the Cabinet? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member perhaps wants representation for ladies in the Cabinet."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I want to know from which side." (Laughter.)

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" From the opposite side, Sir."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the question of expansion of the Cabinet does not arise at all and therefore all these questions do not arise."

Minimum wages for workers in the tobacco industries.

* 1648 *Q*.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the minimum wages for workers in tobacco industry?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Government have issued only a preliminary notification regarding the rates of wages proposed to be fixed for the employment in tobacco (including beedi making) manufactory and invited the suggestions and objections to the proposed rates. The question of finally fixing minimum wages is under the consideration of the Government."

Bore wells for Udayarpalayam taluk.

* 1649 *Q*.—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri K. R. Viswanathan is not in his place. The question and answer will be printed in the official proceedings."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether estimates for sinking borewells for drinking water purposes at Kodukkur and Idaiyakurichi villages in Udaiyarpalayam taluk, Tiruchirappalli district, have been sanctioned;

(*b*) if so, when the works are likely to be commenced; and

(*c*) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) The estimates for the borewells at Kodukkur have been submitted by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Ariyalur, to the Collector of Tiruchirappalli. The work will be taken up as soon as the estimates are sanctioned by the Collector after